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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM NEW DELHI DATED JUNE 16, 1975
SENT SECSTATE WASHDC, USUN NEW YORK INFO BONN, ISLAMABAD,
KABUL, KATHMANDU, BRUSSELS IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 7900

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

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SUBJ: GOI CANDIDACY FOR SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT

1. THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS IN NEW DELHI HAVE
DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF CONCERTED ACTION TO SUPPORT INDIA'S
CANDIDACY FOR THE VACANT SECURITY COUNCIL. THE WEST GERMAN
AMBASSADOR IS TAKING THE LEAD IN THIS EFFORT. THE UK
EMBASSY IS NOT VERY PLEASED ABOUT IT, PREFERRING TO FOLLOW
NORMAL UK POLICY WHICH WAITS FOR A REGIONAL CONSENSUS.

2. THE THINKING BEHIND THE WEST GERMAN INITIATIVE HERE IS THAT
EC SUPPORT FOR THE INDIAN CANDIDACY WOULD ENCOURAGE A MODERATE
GOI STANCE ON ECONOMIC ISSUES IN THE UN. THE WEST GERMAN
EMBASSY HERE REPORTS IT SISTER MISSION AT THE UN IS SKEPTICAL
OF THIS REASONING. THE GERMANS HERE CONTINUE TO PUSH THE
EXFORT IN THEIR BILATERAL CONTACTS WITH THE GOI, AND TO
PROMOTE IT WITHIN THE EC GROUP. THE LATEST FORMULA PROPOSED
BY THE GERMANS IS THAT SOME UNDERSTANDING SHOULD BE REACHED
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WHEREBY PAKISTAN WOULD OCCUPY A SEAT ON THE ECOSOC DURING ANY

PERIOD WHEN INDIA HAD A SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT. WE DO NOT
KNOW WHAT THE GOI RESPONSE, IF ANY, WAS TO THIS SUGGESTION.

3. OUR WEST GERMAN EMBASSY COLLEAGUE CAUTIONED US THAT BONN'S
OFFICIAL POSITION DOES NOT AT THIS TIME PUBLICLY SUPPORT THE
INDIAN CANDIDACY. NOT THE LEAST INTERESTING ASPECT OF THE
WHOLE EXERCISE, IN OUR VIEW, IS THAT IT CONSTITUTES ONE OF THE
RARE EFFORTS BY THE WEST EUROPEANS TO EXERT SOME POLITICAL
INFLUENCE IN NEW DELHI.
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